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## A DISASTROUS WRECK

Three Young Men Met Death.  
Fourteen Cars in Creek.  
Enormous Loss.

Sunday afternoon a few minutes after number three, the heavy Wabash passenger train east bound passed over the bridge across East Fork two miles east of Clifton Hill No. 91 a heavy freight west bound experienced the worst wreck on the road in years. The locomotive and 12 cars cleared the bridge but for some reason the thirteenth car left the track at the entrance and things terrible began to happen. One car after another was piled up in the creek atop of each other, the bridge so completely demolished that not a vestige of it remained visible and what was worse than all else, seven boys from 15 to 20 years old, were submerged in a coal car loaded with iron pipe, a big car of butter holding the car they were in, down to the bottom of the bank-full stream. The boys were from Huntsville and had boarded the train to have a free ride to Salisbury. The car they selected for the ride was a coal car loaded with iron pipe from 4 inch up in size, the pipe too long for the car and the forward ends sticking out and the rear ends not filling the side boards and in this space the boys planted themselves until the catastrophe landed them in the water. Two of them could not swim but these with three others managed to get out; pop up thru the wreckage and water and reach the bank. One was drowned and one was pinned by a big splinter which would have caused death had he not been under water. One of the boys who reached the shore and who thought he was not badly injured, died Monday morning. One escaped without more damage than a very small scratch on the back of one hand and the others with but slight damage.

The East Fork was bank full when the wreck occurred and being only about wide enough to accommodate one car lengthwise, it is a marvel how so many could have been placed in the space they occupied. One car containing Chevrolet autos was on end with enough of one side torn away to disclose its contents, one car with two big Hudson Super Six autos therein was gently reclining on the east bank almost straight up and not quite half submerged. A car of furniture and a car of incubators were each under other cars and others on top of them. One car of what the big crowd which had collected to see the sights supposed to contain beer since the kegs were familiar, was really loaded with kegs of 'near beer' and as the wrecking crews tore away the cars and released contents into the creek, among other merchandise dozens of these kegs floated away. Dry and not desiring the supposed beer to suffer for want of attention, some of the spectators went down stream and fished out, perhaps a hundred kegs. Sampling was in order but the bungs stuck fast. One young fellow got a piece of iron pipe and another a heavy piece of timber and they went for a bung in approved starter style. When the bung went in the near beer shot out geyser fashion and the young man holding the starter was spouted about 30 feet and is in bed yet from the jolt. The remainder of the kegs are on the ground unmolested at last accounts. There was an enormous lot of furniture, incubators, brooders and other stuff released by breaking

## Hasty Train Service

Last Friday night number 11 which is due here west bound at 12.14 a. m. but ordinarily makes no stops, was ordered to bring passengers from the track meet at Salisbury and let them off here. There was a large number of boys and girls and some men on the train. The big storm was at its height when the train pulled in and it no sooner came to a stop than the crowd began to rush from the train but not fast enough for all of them to get off before the engineer pulled out. Even after the train was in motion youngsters hopped off and girls and boys alike took desperate chances against serious accident. Geo. West pulled two girls to safety and that at the risk of being blown under the wheels. Why the train men were so careless or indifferent can hardly be understood; tho it was impossible for the engineer to see back and no conductor out on platform to signal, there was a bell cord by which to direct the engineer.

The prospects for a moment or two for the foundation for a number of big damage suits against the railroad were exceedingly good.

## Musselfork Happenings.

The oats and wheat have about recovered from the severe freeze with little damage.

Friday night there was the severest windstorm of the season. Trees and fences were blown down and old buildings wrecked.

The union Sunday school reorganized for the year last Sunday. The attendance is about 75.

Much plowing has been done here for corn and farm work is at least a month advanced.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett was made happy Sunday night by the arrival of a fine girl baby.

The published report of the county board of equalization shows a very large increase in assessed valuation of land and other taxable property. The farmers and taxpayers do not understand why or see justice in this exorbitant increase. In justice to the taxpayers there should be an explanation made by this honorable body why this excessive raise in valuation has been made. During this period of hard times, when the farmer, especially, is sorely pressed, losing money, and selling his products far below cost of production why add to his burden by trebling his taxes and piling up money in the treasury for what purpose he knows not. Taxpayers should investigate and see if our county board of equalization has acted wisely in trebling our taxes.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Wolfe are here visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. H. B. Richardson.

John Bennett and wife welcomed a fine girl baby Sunday night.

Warner Holman jr. is his name and his residence Toledo, Ohio since April 7, tipping the beam at 84 lbs. "Cheese" is dad.

up of the wrecked cars to get them from the creek piece-meal, and the kindling wood would have supplied the county for a year had it been fished out and distributed. Thousands viewed the awful spectacle Monday and watched with keenest interest, the work of wreckers, bridge and track builders and Tuesday a temporary structure was completed and traffic resumed.

## STORM DAMAGE SLIGHT

The Heaviest Wind in Years.  
Some Amusing Incidents.  
Freeze Slight.

The storm which began last Friday afternoon and increased in force until three o'clock next morning was the worst we have had in this neck of the woods for years. Few were aware of its severity until next morning but those who were forced to be out in it found out in a short time. Geo. West and Julius Sleyster went to the station to meet No 11 at 12.14 a. m. on which train dozens of those who went to the high school track meet at Salisbury were to return encountered a road and atmospheric condition anything but enticing and are shaking hands with themselves on their escape from wreck with their motor busses.

Geo. Dewey was aroused by the storm about 12 and went out to his chicken works to see if any brooders or incubators had been upset. Knocking around among the houses, suddenly an apple tree was blown down and he jumped into a big brooder house to escape any other which might be tumbling. After a while he concluded to make a dash for his house and had no sooner poked his head from the brooder than another apple tree crashed to the ground just in front of it. Geo. went back and camped until daylight.

Luther Wright was peacefully dreaming that there would be no change in the personnel of the state game warden's corps of competent deputies, one of which he is what. A big folding bed rests in the summer sleeping porch ready for the time when it will be needed and on top of this a number of jars, cans and buckets had been temporarily deposited. Suddenly an earthquake or Hyde upheaval, so it seemed to Lute. He took no further chances, even in a dream, but lit a lamp (the electric current had been off all night) and sat up the remainder of the night that he might keep his mind on one thing and his eye on another.

There are strips of roofing paper and stray shingles scattered about over town; broken limbs of trees and whole trees uprooted, one big elm on the farm of John Ewing west of town being blown flat, but no serious damage reported in any part of the neighborhood. Still, it was some storm and south Mo., Arkansas and Oklahoma suffered loss of life and property by it.

## County Meet

The 19th. District A. F. & A. M. meeting here Wednesday afternoon and night was attended by the greatest number present for several sessions and every lodge in the county but one, was represented. It was gratifying to all, the presence of Past Deputy Grand Lecturer Geo. W. Rucker and Mr. Austin Green, the two dependables on every occasion. Work in the third and ex. of other work and addresses, lunch. Lunch was served by the ladies of the O.E.S. and the more than 100 present departed for their homes, the beautiful moon-light and balmy breeze contributing to the already fully enjoyed day and night. Come again, gentlemen.

Mrs. S. W. Temple brot her niece 'Billy' home and returned to Slater Monday.

Miss Emma Cook came from Texas last week and will likely spend the summer here. Miss Emma is delighted with the Lone Star State.

## Grand River Valley

A leak in one of the Prairie Pipe Line Co's. pipe lines about midstream in Grand river near Santa Fe bridge and running from eight to ten barrels of oil per hour, for the past six weeks has supplied a lot of people with oil who skimmed it off the water while others fired the running oil on Grand and Missouri rivers but the leak still goes on. Another advance in the price of oil is about due.

The severe wind and rain did much damage in this part of the country Saturday night. Many small buildings were blown down and fruit trees broken down.

Mrs. McCullough of Triplett after having been very ill several days was taken to Kansas City where she underwent an operation and was getting along nicely at last report.

The Wabash trains are now passing over the Santa Fe via LaPlata, on account of the wreck near Clifton Hill. These trains added to the already heavy traffic and makes rail-roading some lively business in this part of the country.

The new levy is being seriously damaged at a point near Sharps Ferry and it begins to look like some new levy would have to be built at this point to head off the ravages of the river.

## Salisbury Scribbings

A vigorous blast of the fire whistle Saturday morning gave notice that Richardson's Shoe store was on fire and when it was finally under control it was found that much damage had been done to the stock by smoke. The origin of the fire is due to defective wiring. We are glad it was no worse.

Rev. Mitchell filled his regular appointment here Sunday but the winter like weather caused a small turn out.

The storm here Saturday night was hard on old trees and many limbs and branches littered the streets.

City Marshall Phelps keeps an eye on automobile violators and hopes to calm them down with warning but will do more if necessary.

Dr. Hawkins delivered a fine lecture before the Red Cross classes last Monday night that was highly appreciated by all who heard it.

Miss Dean Meyer of Kansas City spent the week end with homefolks here.

We hear of night prowlers in several parts of town and suggest plain clothes men to check them.

Trains began running on the main line here Tuesday about one o'clock.

Mrs. M. Neal and J. D. Dunn are on the sick list.

Miss Mabel Atteberry has a position in the Baier butcher shop.

Bush Etherton is very ill and not expected to recover.

Mrs. John Zeltner is still bed fast with rheumatism.

Charlie Hayes was here Tuesday on business.

Mrs. J. W. Ingram was taken suddenly ill Sunday but is somewhat improved.

We learn that Charlie Metzger will move from Glasgow and take up his residence in the Williams property.

Mrs. Olive Cunningham visited her fathers family here last week.

Goals a puddin' for Gordon.

## GREAT TRACK MEET

K. L. S. Girls Winners  
Trophies Numerous  
B. B. Cup

The following is the official score and awards made:

50 yard dash—Bean, Salisbury; Hubbard, Keytesville; Huss, Salisbury. Time, 5.4.

100 yard dash—Bean, Salisbury; Huss, Salisbury; Johnson, Brunswick. Time, 10.4.

220 yard dash—Bean, Salisbury; Colley, Prairie Hill; Stobaugh, Triplett. Time 25.3.

120 high hurdles—Stobaugh, Triplett; Griswold, Triplett; Bean, Salisbury. Time, 19.0.

220 low hurdles—Huss, Salisbury; Ritzenthaler, Salisbury; Griswold, Triplett. Time, 30.0.

440 yard run—Meyer, Brunswick; Williams, Triplett; Harms, Keytesville. Time, 57.3.

880 yard run—Quick, Brunswick; Johnson, Salisbury; Bucksath, Brunswick. Time, 2:26.4.

Relay—Salisbury, first; Brunswick, 2nd. Time 1:45.

Pole Vault—Harms, Keytesville; Hanna, Brunswick. Height, 10 ft.

Shot put—Meyer, Brunswick; Minor, Prairie Hill; Hubbard, Keytesville. Distance, 44 ft., 4 1/2 in.

High jump—Stobaugh, Triplett; Taylor, Keytesville; Howard, Brunswick. Height, 5 ft. 5 in.

Broad jump—Stobaugh, Triplett; Harms, Keytesville; Lea, Triplett. Distance, 19 ft., 4 5-10 in.

Discus Throw—Meyer, Brunswick; Welker, Salisbury; Minor, Prairie Hill. Distance 110 ft. 3 5-10 in.

Girls Events.

50 yard dash—Rucker, Keytesville; Nix, Keytesville; Penick, Brunswick. Time, 7:00.

75 yard dash—Harding, Brunswick; Rucker, Keytesville; Nix, Keytesville. Time 10:00.

100 yard dash—Penick, Brunswick; Nix, Keytesville; Harding, Brunswick. Time, 15.4.

440 relay—Brunswick first and second; Keytesville, third. Time 1:02.

Base ball throw—Williams, Prairie Hill; Green, Salisbury; Nix, Keytesville. Distance, 136 ft. 5 in.

Basket ball for goal—Gordon, Keytesville; Vitt, Prairie Hill; Quick, Brunswick. Goals, 7 out of 10.

Basket ball throw for distance—Forquernan, Brunswick; Wood, Triplett; Rucker, Keytesville. Distance, 57 feet, 11 1/2.

## Literary Program.

Serious reading—Lee Hale, Salisbury; Ida L. Richardson, Keytesville; Wilma Biggs, Triplett.

Humorous reading—J. Dempsey, Triplett; Geo. West, Keytesville; M. Ellis, Brunswick.

Impromptu speaking—Dorothy Richardson, Keytesville; Ruth Merchant, Brunswick; Genie Williams, Triplett.

Quartette—Salisbury, first; Keytesville, second.

The following took part in the literary program:

Serious reading—Anna Belle McCormick, Ida Lou Richardson, Lee Hale, Verona Hedrick, Wilma Biggs, Sylvia Courtney.

Humorous reading—Leta Essig, Judith Dempsey, Marie Ellis, George West, Avanelle Krager.

Impromptu speaking—Ruth Merchant, Genie Williams, Dorothy Richardson, Juanita Bradsher.

Quartette—Keytesville, Elizabeth Arrington, Harriett Rucker, Dorothy Richardson, Elizabeth Stockard; Ida Lou Richardson, accompanist.

Salisbury—Velma Steging, Everette Bean, Virginia Morey, Marvin Huss; Stevie Brockman, accompanist.

Brunswick—Elizabeth Forquernan, Archadean Crismond, Norine Vanderford, Lucile Isle; Gladys Stearne, accompanist.

Triplett—Judith Dempsey, Alta O'Connell, Gladys Griswold, Christine Griswold; Mrs. J. R. Cope, accompanist.

Salisbury took three cups, one for the track meet another for the quartette and the other for the relay, which the boys won easily. Brunswick girls took a cup for the relay and Keytesville took the literary cup. Salisbury took the meet with 38 points, Brunswick had 26, Triplett 15, Keytesville 16 and Prairie Hill 12.

In the girls events Keytesville carried off the honors with 22 points, Brunswick won 18, Prairie Hill 8 and Triplett and Salisbury tied with 3 each.

Prairie Hill won in the stock, grain and poultry judging contest with a score of 72 19-54 points, barely losing out Salisbury which had 72 8-57 points.

In the literary contest Keytesville won the cup.

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A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hawes at Los Angeles, California April the 1st Mrs. Hawes was Miss Helen Hill.

Dr. C. W. Bowen was made a member of the American Chemical Society and received his certificate last week. This is but another honor yet a big one for the gifted and popular Brunswicker.

## Beat Sheriff Running

Monday sheriff Wilks was phoned to come to Mike to make arrest of Ben Pope and his car not being a good wader, Geo. Preston took him across the Guthridge Mill bottom and on to Mike. Arrived there he found Simpson, Murray, Sportsman and other merchants of Marceline awaiting him. Sheriff Wilks raised a question of proceeding without a warrant with a definite charge but was overruled and they went to the home of Pope about a mile east and north and he was placed under arrest. Pope was slow about consenting to his removal from his premises unless a warrant was produced but he was brot to Mike where Simpson and the sheriff went into the phone office to consult the prosecuting attorney, Murray and another having left for Marceline upon the capture of Pope. Pope was left in the auto with Sportsman. He said he must have a supply of chewing before proceeding further and Sportsman accompanied him to the Hess store down the road about 60 yards, letting Pope go in for his tobacco while he stayed out in front. Pope paused not for chewing tobacco or chewing the rag with anyone but bolted out of the back door and thru a corn field. Preston saw him and called to Wilks and Simpson and by that time Sportsman made the startling discovery. The squad jumped into the Preston car and gave chase. Water was out of Cottonwood and the car would only go so far so the sheriff and Preston pursued on foot. Pope was some sprinter and with the start he had, Preston, who easily led Wilks, was forced to let out his last link to gain. He would have caught up with and captured the alleged criminal but for the fact that there were several branches from two to five feet deep in water across which Pope dashed like puddle duck. For more than a year the big stock man has not taken kindly to water and the sheriff was too near out of breath to float so one cursed and the other gasped as Pope splashed to safety. Prospects for the several mercantile establishments at Marceline being gutted by robbers is imminent unless their numbers (the robbers) are reduced and each merchant has organized himself into a firing squad.

## Breeders Meet

There will be a big meeting of members of Farm Bureau of the county at the court house Saturday for the purpose of sizing up the 60 million dollar road fund question.

There will also be meeting in the morning of the county Breeders Association at which all members and outsiders are desired. If you cannot come in the morning, be there in the afternoon.

## Sumner

Earl Shoemaker received notice to make his appearance at the Federal court at Hannibal on the fourth Monday in May, to answer to a charge of shooting rabbits.

Last Friday ten or twelve of Sumners citizens went to Salisbury to attend the track meet.

Again the Sumner Hardware Co. changed hands, the present owner being E. B. Moffett, a farmer formerly of Kirksville.

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